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"They are
God's children,
since they are
children of the
resurrection."



Luke 20:36b
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Star of
Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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Worship Service

Sunday, November 13, 2022 10:00 a.m.

Second Last Sunday of the Church Year

Theme of the day: Certain days mean different things to different people. That will be most true on the Last Day. On his calendar, God has written in ink the day when Jesus will return to “judge the living and the dead.” In the final weeks of the church year it is natural for us to think about the Last Day and what it means. The Last Day will mean very different things to different people.

WELCOME

A warm welcome to our friends and visitors! Star of Bethlehem Lutheran Church is eager to share with you the blessings of its Christ-centered ministry. If you are a new or long-time resident of the Central Coast looking for a church home, we invite you to meet with us at the close of this worship service or at your convenience. All are welcome to stay for refreshments in the fellowship hall.

Families are encouraged to worship together. If you need to step out with your children, the service can be seen and heard in the fellowship hall or narthex area. Feel free to enter and return at any time.

OUR MISSION

Our congregation exists for the purpose of “HOLDING OUT THE WORD OF LIFE.” This is accomplished by faithfully preserving and proclaiming all of God’s inerrant word, and administering the Sacraments as they were instituted by Christ.

WE ENTER THE HOUSE OF THE LORD

OPENING HYMN: # 486 “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”

♪ **“Wake, awake, for night is flying,”
the watchmen on the heights are crying;
“awake, Jerusalem, arise!”
Midnight hears the welcome voices
and at the thrilling cry rejoices:
“Oh, where are all you virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes, awake!
Your lamps with gladness take! Alleluia!
With bridal care Yourselves prepare
to meet the Bridegroom who is near.”**

**Zion hears the watchmen singing,
and all her heart with joy is springing;
she wakes, she rises from her gloom.
For her Lord comes down all-glorious,
the strong in grace, in truth victorious;
her star is ris’n, her light is come.
Now come, O Blessed One,
Christ Jesus, God’s own Son. Hail! Hosanna!
We enter all the marriage hall
to eat the Supper at your call.**

Please stand for last verse:

**Now let all the heav’ns adore you,
let saints and angels sing before you
with harp and cymbal’s clearest tone.
Of one pearl each shining portal,
where, dwelling with the choir immortal,
we gather round your radiant throne.
No vision ever brought, no ear has ever caught
such great glory; therefore will we in victory
sing hymns of praise eternally.**

Minister: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.** (*spoken*)

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

M: Living God, your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant the fullness of your grace to lay hold of your promises and live forever in your presence; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C:  Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON: Malachi 4:1-6

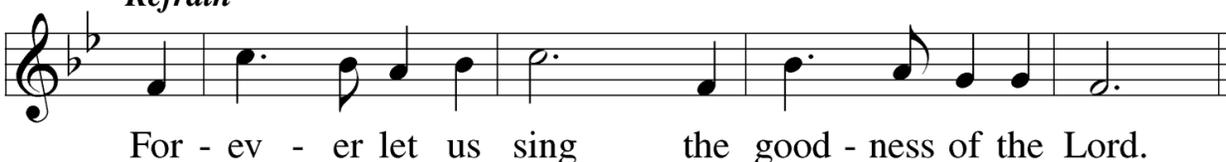
Look! The day is coming, burning like a blast furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble. The day that is coming will set them on fire, says the LORD of Armies, a day that will not leave behind a root or branch for them. ²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will rise, and there will be healing in its wings. You will go out and jump around like calves from the stall. ³You will trample the wicked. They will surely be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I take action, says the LORD of Armies.

⁴Remember the law of my servant Moses, which I commanded to him at Horeb to serve as statutes and judgments over all Israel.

⁵Look! I am going to send Elijah the prophet to you before the great and fearful day of the LORD comes! ⁶He will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers. Otherwise, I will come and strike the land with complete destruction.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 148

Refrain



Psalm tone



Refrain

For - ev - er let us sing the good - ness of the Lord.

Psalm tone

**Praise the LORD from the heavens,*
praise him in the heights above.**

**Praise him, all his angels,*
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**

**Praise him, sun and moon,*
praise him, all you shining stars.**

Refrain

**Praise the LORD from the earth,*
lightning and hail, stormy winds that do his bidding,**

**you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,*
wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,**

**kings of the earth and all rulers on earth,*
young men and maidens, old men and children.**

**Let them praise the name of the LORD,*
for his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

M: Alleluia. They are in front of the throne of God, and they serve him day and night in his temple. Alleluia. (*Revelation 7:15*)

C:  Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**These words are written that we may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

SECOND LESSON: 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10

⁵This is evidence of God's righteous verdict that resulted in your being counted worthy of God's kingdom, for which you also suffer. ⁶Certainly, it is right for God to repay trouble to those who trouble you, ⁷and to give relief to you, who are troubled along with us. When the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his powerful angels, ⁸he will exercise vengeance in flaming fire on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹Such people will receive a just penalty: eternal destruction away from the presence of the Lord and from his glorious strength, ¹⁰on that day when he comes to be glorified among his saints, and to be marveled at among all those who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.

HYMN: # 491 "Come, You Thankful People, Come"

 **Come, you thankful people, come;
raise the song of harvest-home.
All be safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, shall provide for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come;
raise the song of harvest-home.**

**All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and weeds together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**For the Lord our God shall come
and shall take his harvest home,
from his field shall in that day all offenses purge away,
give his angels charge at last in the fire the weeds to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.**

**Even so, Lord, quickly come to your final harvest-home;
gather all your people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified, in your garner to abide.
Come with all your angels, come;
raise the glorious harvest-home.**

SERMON: Luke 19:11-27

¹¹As they were listening to these things, Jesus went on to tell a parable, because he was near Jerusalem, and the people thought that the kingdom of God was going to appear at once. ¹²So he said, “A man of noble birth traveled to a distant country to receive a kingdom for himself and then to return. ¹³He called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas. ‘Conduct business until I return,’ he said to them.

¹⁴“But his subjects hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, ‘We do not want this man to be king over us.’

¹⁵“When he returned after receiving the kingdom, he summoned the servants to whom he had given the money. He wanted to find out what they had gained by conducting business.

¹⁶“The first one came to him and said, ‘Master, your mina has earned ten more minas.’

¹⁷“He said to him, ‘Well done, good servant! Because you were faithful in a very small matter, you will have authority over ten cities.’

¹⁸“The second one came and said, ‘Master, your mina has produced five more minas.’

¹⁹“So he said to him, ‘You will be over five cities.’

²⁰“And another one came and said, ‘Master, here is your mina that I laid away in a piece of cloth. ²¹For I was afraid of you, since you are a demanding man. You take what you did not deposit and reap what you did not sow.’

²²“He said to him, ‘You wicked servant, I will judge you with your own words! You knew that I am a demanding man, taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow. ²³Then why did you not put my money in the bank? Then, when I returned, I could have collected it with interest!’

²⁴“He said to those standing there, ‘Take the mina away from him and give it to the one who has the ten minas.’”

²⁵“But they said to him, ‘Master, he already has ten minas!’”

²⁶“ ‘I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but from the one who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.

²⁷Now as for those enemies of mine who did not want me to be king over them, bring them here and kill them in front of me.’ ”

APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

HYMN: # 850 “It Is Well with My Soul”

**♪ When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll—
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.**

It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul).

It is well, it is well with my soul.

**Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
and hath shed his own blood for my soul.**

**It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul).
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought—
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more:
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul).
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend;
even so, it is well with my soul.
It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul).
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace.
Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.**

**The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.**

C: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.

HYMN: # 925 “On What Has Now Been Sown”

♪ **On what has now been sown
your blessing, Lord, bestow;
the pow’r is yours alone
to make it spring and grow.
O Lord, in grace the harvest raise
and you alone shall have the praise!**

**To you our wants are known;
from you are all our pow’rs.
Accept what is your own
and pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive
and to your Word a blessing give.**

**Oh, grant that each of us
now met before you here
may meet together thus
when you and yours appear
and follow you to heav’n, our home.
E’en so, Amen! Lord Jesus, come!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by
Chris and Terry Oberg.

PRAYERS: Remember to pray for: Shawn Lozano, John Velasques, little Elias, Dennis Douglas, Bob Ward, George Caravana, Doris Scheuffele, Molly Webb (and brother, Jim), Helen Marten, Doug Ward, Kathy Jones, Art Amarillas, Linda Hill & Christina, Roberta Gowin, Melinda Brown, Alice Taubman, Monica, Louise Perry, and Rylan Downs.

MEDITATIONS for the next quarter are on the shelf in the narthex. Treat yourself (and maybe someone you know) to this very beneficial devotional resource.

Special Mission Offering for this season is the WELS Care & Relief Committee (specially marked for relief to Ukraine).

COMING UP

Thanksgiving Day Service, November 24, 10:00 a.m.

Living Nativity, December 18, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Las Posadas, 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve - Candlelight Service, 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Day - Festival Worship, 10:00 a.m.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday **ESL, 6:00-7:30 p.m.**

Thursday **Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.**

ESL, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Friday **Atascadero Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.**

Sunday **Bible Class and Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.**

Worship with Communion, 10:00 a.m.